

**REMARKS**

Applicant has replaced the abstract and amended the claims to eliminate improper multiple dependency and to improve the claim language by recasting the claims in more positive terms consistent with U.S. practice. Applicant has replaced claim 9 with new claim 14 because the extensive changes in form make it impractical to show the amendments in strike-out and underline form. Applicant has also amended the specification to insert headings and to eliminate references to the claims in the specification. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

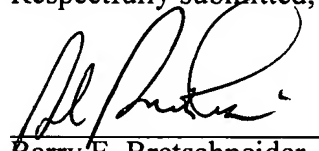
Early action allowing claims 1-8 and 10-15 is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 246472008400.

Respectfully submitted,

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